IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND OPTICAL TRANSMITTER AND OPTICAL RECEIVER USED THEREFOR (Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 09/975,188, Filed October 12, 2001)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: